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Attorney Docket No. 1029650-000152

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| In re Patent Application of        | ) | Group Art Unit: 3761      |
| Kenichi Sato et al.                | ) |                           |
|                                    | ) | Examiner: PHILIP R. WIEST |
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| Application No.: 10/500,327        | ) | Confirmation No.: 8954    |
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| Filing Date: June 28, 2004         | ) |                           |
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| Title: BLOOD BAG SYSTEM AND METHOD | ) |                           |
| OF INACTIVATING PATHOGENIC         | ) |                           |
| MICROORGANISMS                     | ) |                           |
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$ 65 ☐ \$ 130 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$ 395 ☐ \$ 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

| AMENDED CLAIMS   |               |   |              |                 |                |
|--|---------------|---|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
|  | No. of Claims | Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For | Extra Claims | Rate            | Additional Fee |
| Total Claims   | 10            | 20  | 0            | x \$ 50 (1202)  | \$ 0           |
| Independent Claims   | 2             | 3   | 0            | x \$ 200 (1201) | 0              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 360 (1203)          |               |   |              |                 | \$ 0           |
| Total Claim Amendment Fee  |               |   |              |                 | \$ 0           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee |               |   |              |                 | 0              |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT  |               |   |              |                 | \$ 0           |

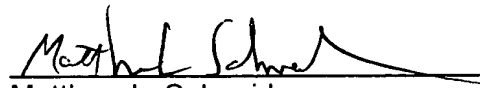
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date October 12, 2006

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 12, 2006, the following remarks are submitted.

The aforementioned Official Action indicates that the claims in this application are directed to two different inventions. As identified in the Official Action, the two inventions are as follows.

Group I invention defined in Claims 1-6 directed to a blood bag system.

Group II invention recited in Claims 7-10 directed to a method of inactivating a pathogenic microorganism in blood.

Based on the observation that the two inventions are distinct from one another, a restriction requirement has been imposed requiring an election of one of the two inventions.

Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention recited in Claims 1-6.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

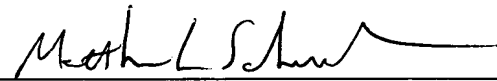
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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